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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- Pratt Community College's fall semester will start August 19 and end on December 10 this year. On November 30 through December 10, all academic and most technical face-to-face classes will transition to alternative delivery/distance learning modes to complete the fall semester. Face-to-face instruction for academic and most technical classes ends November 24 unless designated differently by instructors. Instructors will provide specific information to students during classes as to their expectations for course completion. (Ex. Zoom meetings, CANVAS work, outside assignments, etc. Students needing to return to campus after Thanksgiving will be notified by their instructors prior to break.) No face-to-face classes will be held during Thanksgiving break on November 25 – 27.

The residence halls will be open for fall semester on August 15 and 16. All students must follow a designated check-in schedule based on the first letter of their last name. The schedule: Saturday, August 15 from 9 am to 1 pm will be last names beginning with A-F. Saturday, August 15 from 1 to 5 pm, last names beginning with G-K. Sunday, August 16 from 9 am to 1 pm will be last names beginning with L-P. Sunday, August 16 from 1 to 5 pm, last names beginning with Q-Z. All students are expected to follow the check-in schedule to ensure social distancing and other COVID-19 safety precautions are conducted. Students will be notified of their check-in day and time period by the Residence Life department via their college email. Students must have authorization to check-in to the residence hall by the Business Office and Residence Life prior to arrival. The residence halls will close for fall semester on November 24 at 5 pm for all students. Students are expected to make travel arrangements accordingly. Exceptions are a limited number of students required to stay on campus due to a college class. Students required to stay on campus following Thanksgiving break will be notified of this requirement in advance of November 24. The residence halls will close for these students on December 11 at 5 pm. All residence halls will reopen for spring semester on January 19, 2021.

Students who have traveled or currently reside in the locations listed on the most recent Kansas Department of Health & Environment's travel quarantine list will be required to follow the College's procedure for quarantine. This procedure is being finalized in consultation with the Pratt County Health Department and will be announced no later than August 1. Students approved to live on campus and having to quarantine will be relocated to a quarantine location designated by the College. Students will attend classes through alternate delivery/distance learning modes during the quarantine period and will not be allowed to leave the designated quarantine location until released by the College Health Nurse. Students who are quarantined should contact their instructors and advisor as soon as possible so that instructors know which students will be participating via alternate delivery mode.

For 2020-2021, PCC has waived its policy requirement for students who receive a designated scholarship award level to live on campus. Classrooms, meeting rooms and public areas have been reconfigured to allow for social distancing as much as possible. Face coverings are required in all public areas on campus and may be required in other campus areas as well; students and others should follow individual instructor and office staff expectations for classroom, office requirements. Additional sanitizing practices are occurring daily, including

the addition of hand sanitizers throughout campus. Social distancing capacities are posted on each room and/or facility space.

Students are expected to have access to the basic computer equipment and software requirements needed to use the Office 365 suite, Zoom application, and Canvas website utilized by PCC. Some classes may require additional equipment and software as outlined in the course syllabus and/or communicated by the instructor. Students will be expected to sign a COVID-19 Student Code of Conduct, Understanding, & Acknowledgement of Risk Form which outlines the expected behavior of all PCC students during the 2020-2021 academic year. The college will provide regular updates through the official modes of communication: PCC email, text alerts, college website, and college social media.

All dates, including start/end, holiday, etc. are subject to change based on the COVID-19 situation. Students are expected to check their PCC email regularly for updates and any other communication format as announced by instructors, coaches, college officials. During the 2020-2021 academic year, students should be flexible and be prepared to transition to an alternate delivery/distance learning mode and/or move out of the residence hall upon short notice due to unforeseen action taken because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Such sudden action by the college would occur in the best interest of the health and safety of our students and other stakeholders. PCC's first priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our entire college community and to mitigate the risks of COVID-19.

The mission of PCC is maximum student learning, individual and workforce development, high quality instruction and service, and community enrichment. As a new academic year begins, PCC continues to be committed to providing an environment which supports student success and opportunity.

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